

Lamoine Conservation Commission-June

Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2014 (Draft, Subject to Correction)

Members Present: Larry Libby, Chair; Doug Stewart, Carol Korty, Anne LaBossiere and David Legere

Alternate Present: Linda Penkalski

Absent Alternate: Nancy Pochan

Others in Attendance: Jane Fowler, Tim Jordan, Georgia Munsell and Willem Brutsaert

Meeting was convened at Lamoine Town Hall by Chm. Libby at 7:03 p.m.

Topics Discussed:

1. Concerns from Select Board and/or Planning Board: No members of either board were present. Anne LaBossiere and Larry Libby mentioned that their LCC terms expire at the end of June and they need to contact Stu Marckoon by June 19th re: whether or not they are interested in being considered for reappointment by the select board.

2. Discussion of roadside clean-up program-Georgia Munsell

Georgia Munsell gave us the background on the adoption of the Adopt-A-Highway program by Lamoine. The State of Maine signed on to this program in 1999 becoming the 49th state to join. In 2007 Georgia approached the Lamoine Conservation Commission to see if this would be something of interest to the town. It was voted to participate in this program which is led in Lamoine by Georgia. She shared that Lamoine was the first community in Hancock County and the seventh in Maine to join. Georgia created twenty seven one mile segments for volunteers to adopt for clean-up. It works best, according to Munsell, if someone can adopt a section right in front of their house. Currently there are fifty volunteers who work in pairs with a spouse or a partner. There is an ongoing need to find replacements. Georgia described the procedure to become a volunteer and mentioned that each person signs a release which removes the town from

any liability if a person incurs injury during the time of participation in the project. Volunteers agree to go out in the fall and spring to clean-up their segment but many do it more often. Safety vests, gloves liners, plastic bags are furnished. Volunteers give Georgia a report of when they did their clean-up and amount and type/s of debris collected. There are four entrances to Lamoine: Jordan River Road, Douglas Highway, Mud Creek Road, and Buttermilk Road. Adopt-A-Highway signs are displayed at three of the four entrances. There is an Adopt-A-Highway Link on the town's website. There was discussion of LCC's purchasing a sign to be posted at the fourth entrance. LCC members expressed appreciation to Georgia for bringing this program to Lamoine and for her continuing leadership.

3. Review and approval of minutes for May 14 meeting

These minutes were approved as distributed via e-mail.

4. Report on Gravel Work Group-David Legere

Stu M. is secretary for this group and will be compiling the various options discussed to be given to the select board at a future date. David and other members need to get their input to Stu by June 18th. The gravel work group will meet one final time on June 25th to complete their task. David explained that the group will not be coming up with any specific recommendations. He will send us individual e-mails of what he will be submitting to Stu and we'll get back to David with our feedback by Monday, June 16.

5. Update on Groundwater Protection Proposal, next steps-Larry/Carol

Carol reported that there is still no official application and that we will use what we have put together for our project for submission. At some point, the deadline for submission will be announced and we'll be ready to take the next steps which would include seeking approval from the town to do so. The proposal is pretty complete with the exception of the cost sharing. The University of Maine will contribute 13% of the cost for this project. LCC needs to contribute 12% to bring it up to the 25% match required. We explored ways to come up with this amount.

Suggestions included adding our time spent in the writing of the grant proposal, Willem Brutsaert's consultation and related expenses, preparation of materials for informational meetings for the public and a small amount of cash from our LCC account.

6. Trail Project Update-Larry

Stu M. will bring the contract to the June 12th Select Board meeting to get it signed. Larry expects that Stu will recommend that the board designate him as the person to sign. He will attend this meeting. The signed contract is returned to the state agency that oversees the Maine Recreational Program. At the conclusion of these steps, we can start putting out the invitations to submit bids to begin work on the parking lot and begin to do the bog bridging, etc. as specified in our grant.

7. Shoreline Clean-Up-David

David described his annual clean-up of the Porcupine Islands and suggested that perhaps this could be extended to Lamoine's shores. This seemed doable and he'll get back to us with the date so we can get the word out to seek volunteers to assist at the Lamoine end.

8. More on Lamoine Recycling-This will be discussed at another meeting.

9. Other

Doug Stewart distributed copies of the ordinance passed in 2002 re: the creation of a Lamoine Conservation Commission for our perusal and follow-up discussion.

Heat pump-We aren't prepared to do more than suggest that this be considered during the selection process of a new heating system for town hall as a way to conserve fuel in the long run.

Archives-Georgianna Pulver has offered to add items to the archives. LCC members can give archive materials to Georgianna or to Larry who will pass them on to Georgianna for adding to the files. Carol Korty will donate hanging folders for better access to the files. One of the needs is to spell out the specific

procedures for accessing materials we have archived.

Information Meetings for the Public-We are deferring doing one re: household use of pesticides, herbicides, etc. until next year.

Linda Penkaski has offered to do a night sky program for the public in August. We will talk more about this at our July meeting.

Motions and Outcomes:

1. Minutes of May 14th meeting were approved.
2. It was voted to purchase one of the Adopt-A-Highway signs from our LCC account.

Follow-Up Actions and Who Will Do Them:

1. Larry, Willem and Carol will get together to draw up a budget to cover our portion of the match for each phase of the Groundwater Protection Proposal and bring their recommendations back to us for consideration.
2. Carol will contact Stu to find a time that Larry, Willem and she could meet in a space at town hall.
3. Commission members will read the ordinance re: the establishment of LCC with the framework of thinking about "What we can do to contribute to the town in helpful ways."
4. Larry will attend the June 12th meeting of the Select Board to be on hand to sign the contract for our trail grant if he is designated to do so on behalf of the town.
5. Anne will review the minutes to find the steps we previously suggested for accessing LCC archived materials by the public. She will write them out and distribute to members and Stu M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Anne LaBossiere, Secretary and approved on_____.